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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor:

Arnold Miller et al.

For:

VASCULAR BYPASS GRAFTING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD

Enclosed are:

<u>19</u> sheets of drawings.

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REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION.

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In re Application of:

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3731

Examiner:

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## FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

The attached Rule 1.53(B) continuation application is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10.

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### REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

This is a request for filing a continuation application, in accordance with Rule 1.53(B), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/944,840, filed 08/31/2001 by Arnold Miller et al. for VASCULAR BYPASS GRAFTING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD.

Submitted with this request are the following:

- 1. A true copy of said prior application Serial No. 09/944,840 (including specification, claims, drawings, and an unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney) as originally filed;
- 2. A copy of RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED, including a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney and a Duplicate Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
- 3. An AFFIDAVIT by the undersigned attorney of record verifying that the enclosed copy of said pending prior application Serial No. 09/944,840 is a complete and true copy;

- 4. A PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT which amends the application to show that it is a continuation of parent application Serial No. 09/944,840, filed 08/31/2001 by Arnold Miller et al. for VASCULAR BYPASS GRAFTING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD; and
- 5. A mailing certificate indicating that this submittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on March 23, 2004 as provided for under 37 CFR 1.10.

The Power of Attorney in the pending prior application is to Pandiscio & Pandiscio, a firm composed of Nicholas A. Pandiscio, Registration No. 17293, Mark J. Pandiscio, Registration No. 30883, Scott R. Foster, Registration No. 20570, and James A. Sheridan, Registration No. 43114, or any of them, all of 470 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451-1914 (Telephone No. 781-290-0060).

The inventors named in this continuation application are the same inventors named in the prior applications Serial No. 09/944,840.

The Commissioner is also authorized to prepare a certified copy of said prior copending application if the same is deemed to be necessary and to charge the cost of same to  $\underline{\text{Deposit Account}}$  No. 16-0221.

A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for filing in said prior copending application.

All communications in this matter should be addressed to:

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Thank you.

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